

# Coal Tax Park Proposals — 1985



A report on proposed Coal Tax Acquisitions  
for the Montana State Park System

Prepared by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks.  
Submitted by the Montana Fish & Game Commission  
to the 1985 Legislature  
in accordance with Section 23-1-108 MCA.

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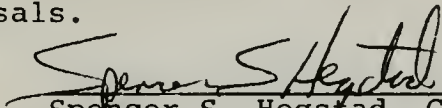
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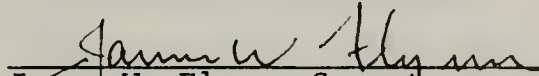
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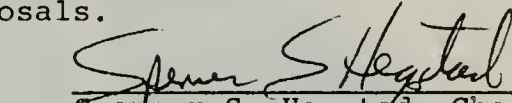
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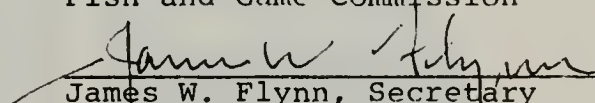
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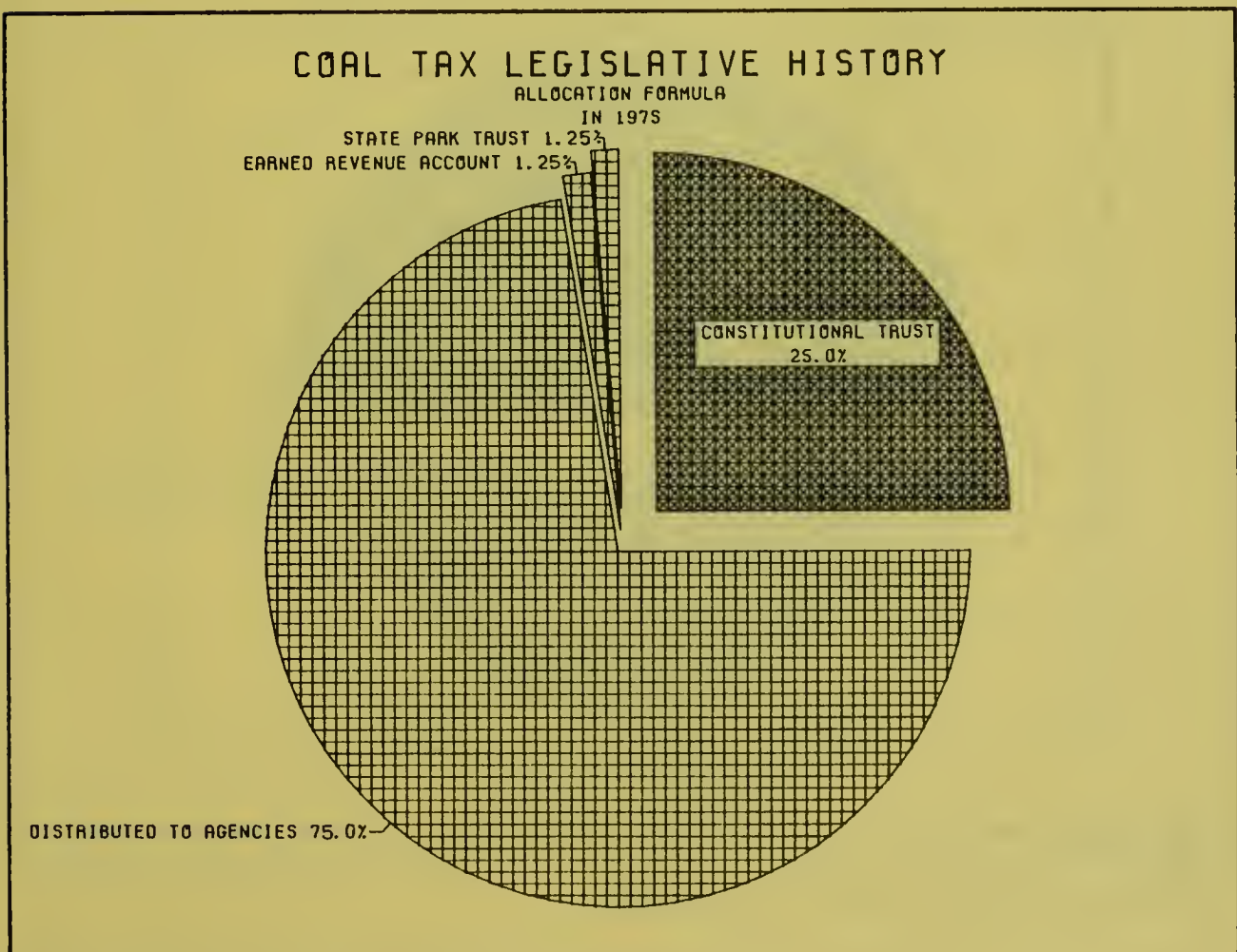






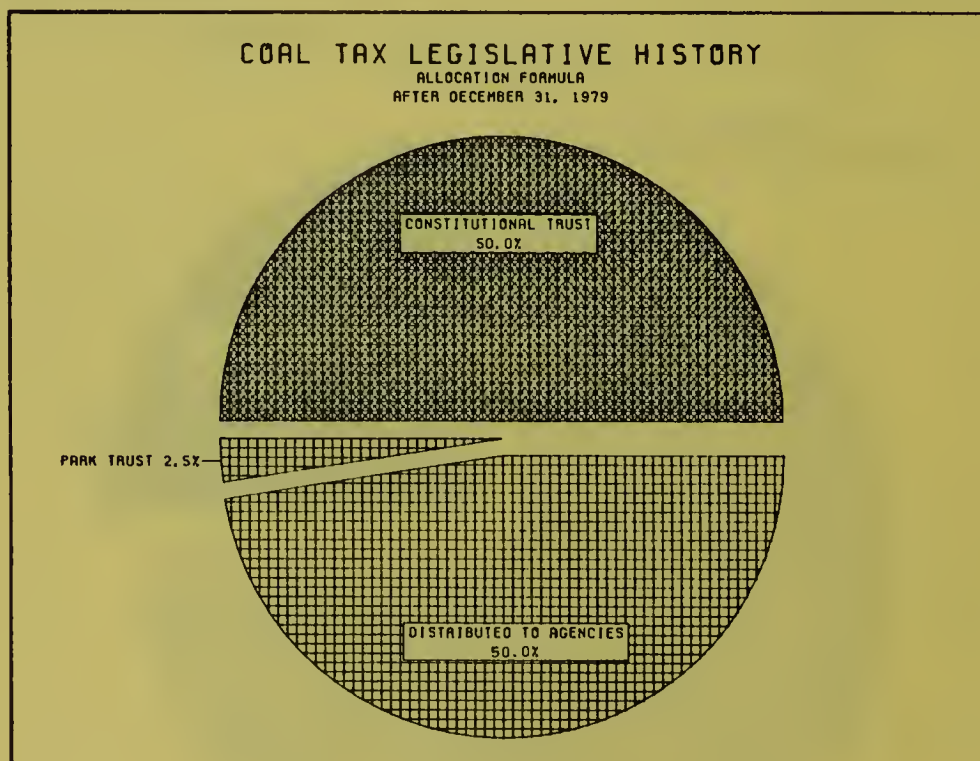
## Park Coal Tax Legislative History

In 1975, the 44th State Legislature created the State's Coal Severance Tax. Twenty-five percent of the earned revenue from the Severance Tax was placed in the Constitutional Trust Fund and 75% was distributed to state agencies. Two and one half percent of total collections were allocated to the State Park System out of the agency portion. One half of this amount (1 1/4%) was placed in a trust fund and half in the earned revenue account for expenditure. The interest from the trust fund was returned to the trust fund.



In 1977, the law was amended to allow sites acquired with local tax funds to be maintained with Coal Tax Funds. The same legislation provided that Capitol Building artwork could be maintained using the Parks Coal Tax earnings.

After December 31, 1979, 50% of the coal severance tax collections were allocated to the Constitutional Trust Fund and 50% distributed to agencies. The State Park System received 5% of the half distributed to agencies (2 1/2% of total collections). This entire amount was allocated to the State Park Trust Fund and only the interest was allowed to be spent.

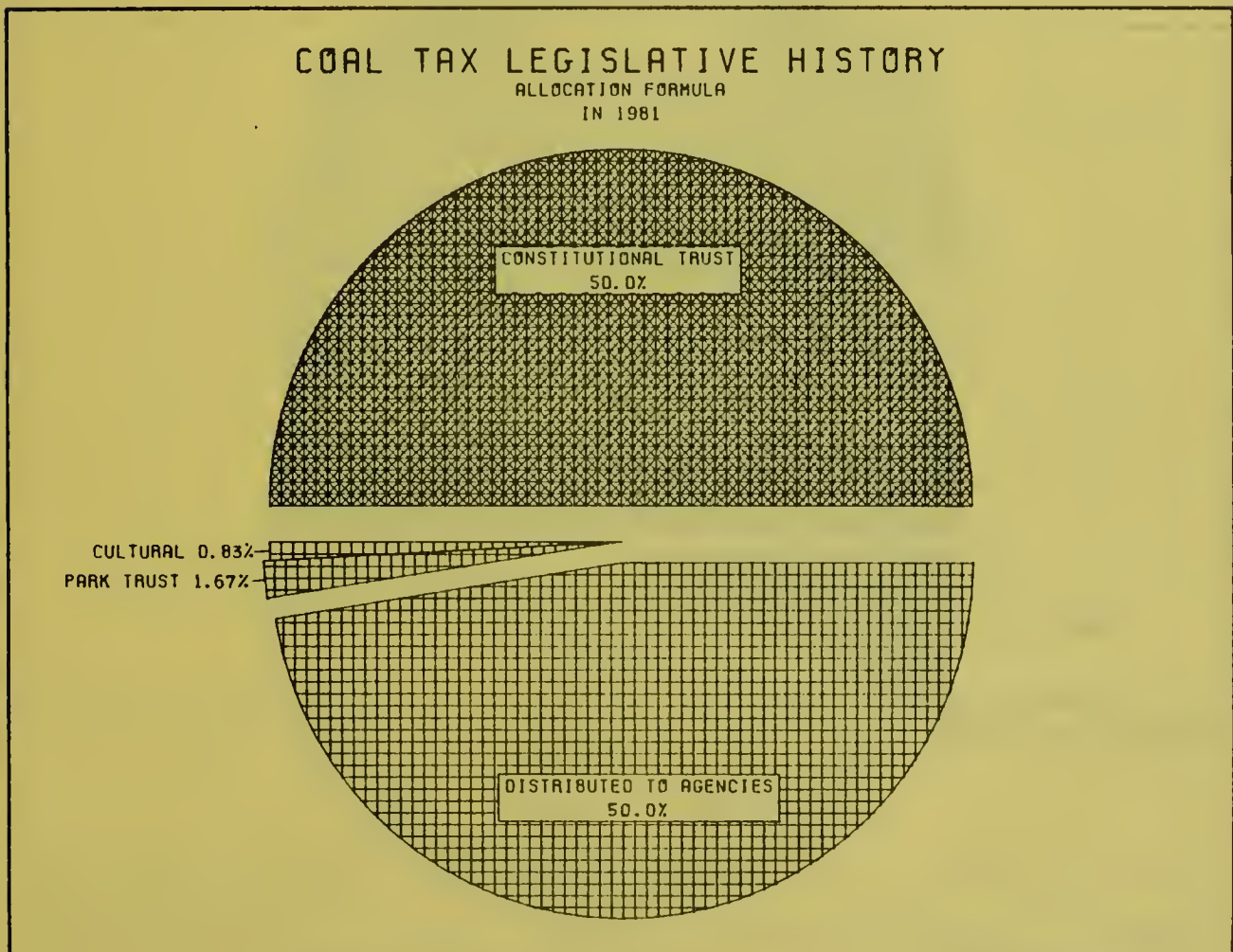


In 1981, the 5% of collections allocated to the nonexpendable State Park Trust Fund was divided:

1/3 (0.83% of total collections) for protection of works of art in the state capitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects and

2/3 (1.67% of total collections) for the acquisition of State Park System sites and for the operation and maintenance of sites so acquired.

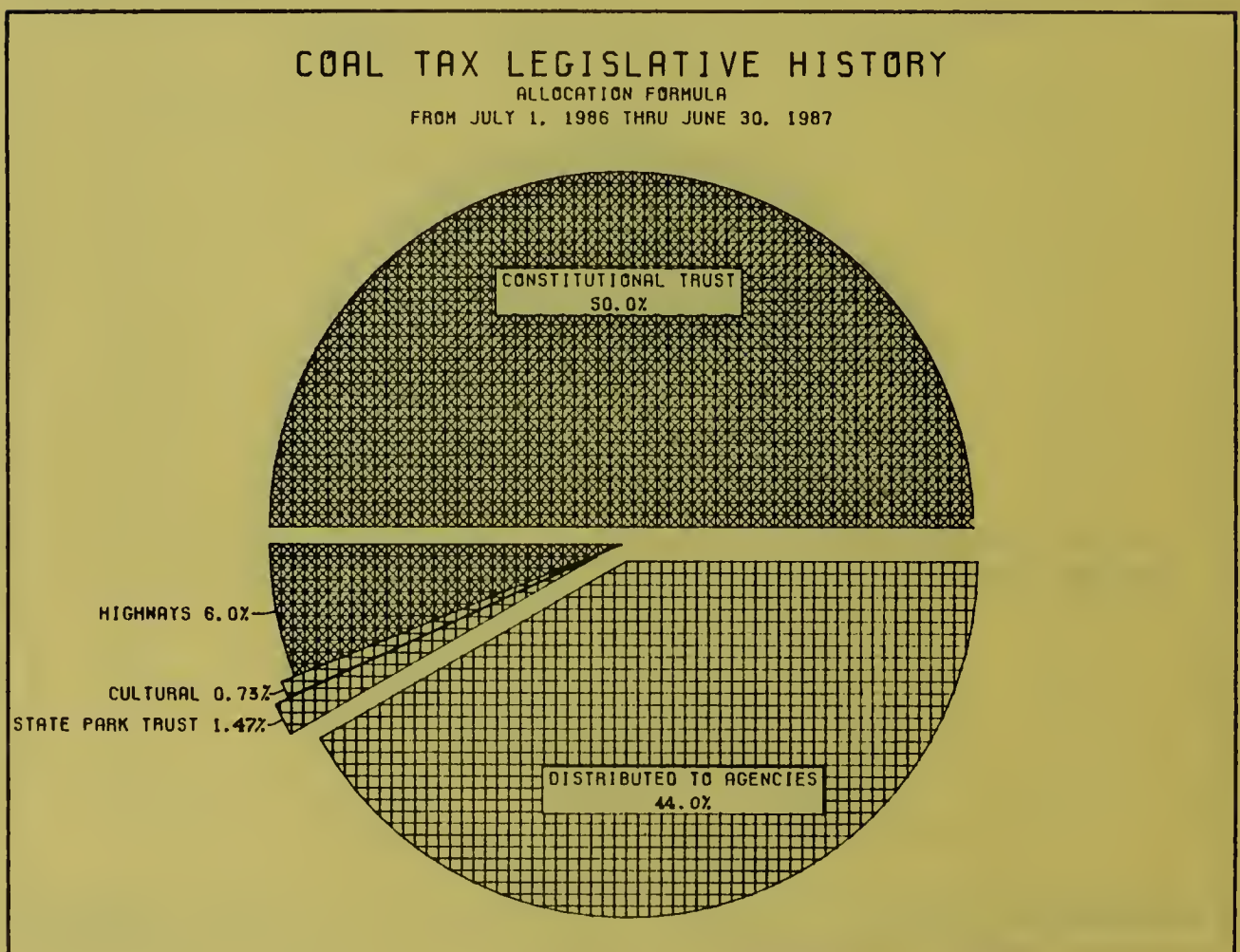
This language added specificity to the 1977 amendment.





The 1983, State Legislature prescribed additional changes to occur in 1986 and 1987 as described below.

Starting July 1, 1986 and ending June 30, 1987, 6% of the coal severance tax collections are to be allocated to the Highway Reconstruction Trust Fund account. This will essentially reduce the portion to be distributed to agencies to 44% of total collections. The State Park System share will be proportionally reduced.

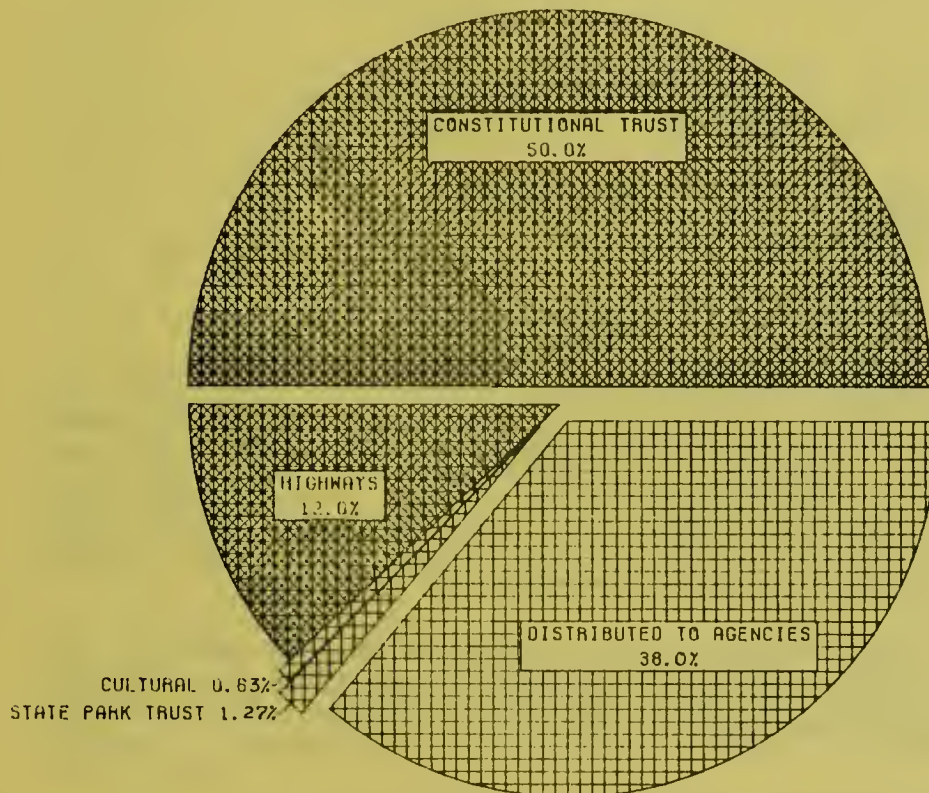


Starting July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1993, 12% of the coal severance tax collections are to be allocated to the Highway Reconstruction Trust Fund account. This will again reduce the amount to be distributed to agencies and the amount left for the State Park System.

## COAL TAX LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

ALLOCATION FORMULA

STARTING JULY 1, 1987 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1993



After June 30, 1993 the allocation formula will revert to that represented by 1981 unless further legislative changes are made in the interim.

## State Park and Coal Tax Law

The State Organic Act specifies the areas of responsibility assigned to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Subsequent coal tax legislation provides one means by which to respond to this obligation.

### State Organic Act

#### State Parks

23-1-101. Purpose. For the purpose of conserving the scenic, historic, archaeologic, scientific, and recreational resources of the state and providing for their use and enjoyment, thereby contributing to the cultural, recreational, and economic life of the people and their health, the department of fish, wildlife, and parks (hereinafter referred to as department) is hereby vested with the duties and powers hereinafter set forth.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 48, L. 1939; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 178, L. 1953; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 69, L. 1965; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 2, L. 1977; amd. Sec. 13, Ch. 417, L. 1977; R.C.M. 1947, 62-301; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 218, L. 1979.



Coal Tax Trust Fund

15-35-108. Disposal of severance taxes. Severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter are allocated as follows:

(1) To the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution, 25% of total collections a year. After December 31, 1979, 50% of coal severance tax collections are allocated to this trust fund. The trust fund moneys shall be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(5) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

(2) Starting July 1, 1986, and ending June 30, 1987, 6% of coal severance tax collections are allocated to the highway reconstruction trust fund account in the state special revenue fund. Starting July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1993, 12% of coal severance tax collections are allocated to the highway reconstruction trust fund account in the state special revenue fund.

(3) Coal severance tax collections remaining after the allocations provided by subsections (1) and (2) are allocated in the following percentages of the remaining balance:

(a) to the county in which coal is mined, 2% of the severance tax paid on the coal mined in that county until January 1, 1980, for such purposes as the governing body of the county may determine;

(b) 2 1/2% until December 31, 1979, and thereafter 4 1/2% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the alternative energy research development and demonstration account;

(c) 26 1/2% until July 1, 1979, and thereafter 37 1/2% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the local impact and education trust fund account;

(d) for each of the 2 fiscal years following June 30, 1977, 13% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the coal area highway improvement account;

(e) 10% to the state special revenue fund for state equalization aid to public schools of the state;

(f) 1% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the county land planning account;

(g) 1 1/4% to the credit of the renewable resource development bond fund;

(h) 5% to a nonexpendable trust fund for the purpose of parks acquisition or management, protection of works of art in the state capitol, and other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund shall be appropriated as follows:

(i) 1/3 for protection of works of art in the state capitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects; and

(ii) 2/3 for the acquisition of sites and areas described in 23-1-102 and the operation and maintenance of sites so acquired;

(i) 1% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the state library commission for the purposes of providing basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking;

(j) 1/2 of 1% to the state special revenue fund for conservation districts;

(k) 1 1/4% to the debt service fund type to the credit of the water development debt service fund;

(l) all other revenues from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter to the credit of the general fund of the state.



## Proposal Submission

23-1-108. Acquisition of certain state parks, monuments, or historical sites. (1) Any person, association, or representative of a governing unit may submit a proposal for the acquisition of a site or area described in 23-1-102 from the income of the trust fund created in 15-35-108 to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks by December 1 of the year preceding the convening of a legislative session.

(2) The fish and game commission shall present to the legislature by the 15th day of any legislative session a list of areas, sites, or objects that were proposed for purchase for use as state parks, state recreational areas, state monuments, or state historical sites with the money contained in the parks account.

(3) The legislature must appropriate funds from this account before any park, area, monument, or site may be purchased.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 653, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 218, L. 1979.

## What Kinds of Areas Qualify for the State Park System?

As set forth by law, the purpose of the State Park System is to conserve the scenic, historic, archaeologic, scientific, and recreational resources of the state and provide for their use and enjoyment, thereby contributing to the cultural, recreational and economic life of the people and their health. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks was given the statutory authority to acquire for the state any areas, sites, or objects which in its opinion should be held, improved, and maintained as State Parks, State Recreation Areas, State Monuments, or State Historic Sites. It is these park system components that are eligible to receive Coal Tax funding.

In the late 1960's a classification describing the purposes and physical characteristics of several types of State Park System areas was developed and adopted as part of the Administrative Rules of Montana. the Department classified state parks, state monuments, state recreation areas, state recreational waterways and others according to several criteria.

These criteria provide standards for acquiring and designating park system components, as well as for determining appropriate development and management procedures.

# Criteria for Park System Components

## STATE PARKS

### Purpose:

To provide high-quality recreation experiences distinctive and notable enough to attract people on a state, regional or national basis.

### Description:

Open-space areas of unique scenery or other outstanding natural features of an aesthetic, historical, geological, archaeological or scientific nature. State parks will be selected on the basis of these inherent characteristics without regard to geographic location.

### Development and Management:

Development of roads and desirable facilities will be planned with precise and sensitive regard for all natural features and without impingement upon the visitors' aesthetic and intellectual sensibilities. Management will be directed toward retention of state parks in as near a natural condition as possible, without impairment of ecological features and values.

## STATE RECREATION AREAS

### Purpose:

To provide a broad selection of outdoor recreation opportunities in a natural setting which may be used by large numbers of people.

### Description:

Contain natural or artificial resources which provide outdoor recreation opportunities that will attract visitors from beyond the local area. They may be located in areas which have serious deficiencies in public outdoor recreation facilities, provided that such recreation areas should not be furnished in lieu of municipal, county or federal facilities.

### Development and Management:

Protection of the natural environment and aesthetic qualities should be paramount except development for intensive use may require alteration of the natural environment. However, the aesthetic qualities of the areas will be retained to the greatest degree possible by careful planning and construction of facilities.

## STATE MONUMENTS

### Purpose:

To preserve, protect and enhance objects, features or places of historical, geological, archaeological or scientific importance, including commemoration of outstanding persons or events.

### Description:

Sites of optimum form and size for the protection and enhancement of the objects, features or places concerned, including adequate space for parking, if appropriate, and other accommodations for anticipated day use.

### Development and Management:

Standard constructions will be facilities for providing access, parking, sanitary conditions and water. Other

service facilities may be added if required. Overnight camping will ordinarily not be allowed. Development may also include restoration of historical structures and installation of protective devices. Maximum benefit to visitors may be achieved by providing museums, outdoor dioramas and other interpretive exhibits.

## STATE FISHING ACCESS SITES

### Purpose:

To provide permanent, public access to high-quality rivers, streams and lakes.

### Description:

Areas adjacent to high-quality fishing waters accessible by an existing or acquired public right-of-way and of adequate size to permit practical use of the waters concerned for fishing and, when appropriate, other water-based recreation.

### Development and Management:

Accommodations will consist of facilities for day use and, in certain cases, overnight camping. Boat-launching ramps, road building and fencing may be necessary. Management will involve proper identification of the site and maintenance of public right-of-way and service facilities.

## STATE RECREATIONAL WATERWAYS

### Purpose:

To protect and enhance the natural and historical values of state waterways and to provide opportunity for enjoyment of these values.

### Description:

Rivers or streams, generally undeveloped, possessing outstanding scenery and/or important historical features and susceptible to increasingly heavy recreational use.

### Development and Management:

Accommodations for day use, camping, floating, fishing or other recreational activities will be provided. Public areas for lunch stops and overnight camping will be conveniently distributed along the course such that they will permit leisurely floats from one area to the next in four hours or less. Development will also include wells for drinking water where necessary. Management will primarily involve maintenance of public areas and identification of sites and points of historical or geological interest for visitors.

## STATE RECREATION ROADS AND TRAILS

The Dept. of Fish and Game believes that the scenic and cultural attributes of certain Montana roads and trails are of high recreational value and warrant formal protection against uncontrolled use and development.

Preparation of criteria for state recreation roads and trails is in progress, along with other plans for this valuable expansion of the state park system.

Past Coal Tax  
Operation, Maintenance and Development  
Expenditures

Under Section 15-35-108 MCA, Coal Tax funds may be used for the operation, maintenance and development of sites acquired with Coal Tax funding. The following represents the Coal Tax funds used by the Department for these purposes to date.

FY'78	\$ 208,526
FY'79	264,094
FY'80	80,235
FY'81	83,742
FY'82	146,928
FY'83	208,965
FY'84	221,654
FY'85 (budgeted)	<u>302,383</u>
Total	\$1,516,527

# Coal Tax Development Expenditures

Legislative Session		Site Improvements	Appropriation	Expenditure to Date
46th 1979		Makoshika S.P. Emergency Road Slide Repairs	72,600.00	72,492.01
46th 1979		Misc. Improvements To Council Grove Develop.	50,000.00 <u>-13,000.00*</u>	23,233.99
			37,000.00	
46th 1979		Roche Jaune SRA Signs, Roads, Parking Fencing	7,500.00	7,490.20
47th 1981		Makoshika S.P. Road Paving	78,000.00	78,000.00
47th 1981		Giant Springs S.P.	75,000.00	41,388.61

\* Original appropriation for misc. coal tax park improvements was for 50,000.00. 13,000.00 was used with the 1981 appropriation for Council Grove roadwork. We were unable to obtain a full 50% federal match.



Pave Existing Road's and  
Install Additional  
Recreation Equip.

47th	1981	Makoshika S.P. Pave Existing Road	60,000.00	59,299.76
47th	1981	Rosebud Battlefield SM Interpretation, Archaeologic Survey	20,000.00	15,023.18
47th	1981	Council Grove Road, Parking, Well, Latrine	55,000.00 <u>+13,000.00*</u> 68,000.00	59,828.17
48th	1983	Elkhorn SM Building Stabilization	20,000.00	0.00
48th	1983	Spring Meadow SRA Road, Parking, Comfort Station, Trails, Landscaping, Etc.	<u>90,000.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
		Total	\$528,100.00	\$357,005.92

## Past Coal Tax Acquisitions

Since 1975, the portion of the Coal Severance Tax earmarked for parks has provided 19 additions and over 6,500 acres to the State Park System. Four acquisitions are still pending negotiations. These sites are located throughout the state (see map), and offer a variety of recreational opportunities to Montanans and out-of-state visitors.





Acquisitions Made With the Coal Tax			Appraisal,				
			Acreage	Survey, and Title Cost	Purchased Cost	Lease Cost	
1.	December, 1977	Roche Jaune SRA	Custer County	1.0	\$ 460.75	\$ 19,600	
2.	June, 1978	Bannack SP addition	Beaverhead County	1 lot	-0-	1,850	
3.	June, 1978	Powder River Depot SM	Prairie County	easement	1,203.75	-0-	
4.	August, 1978	Council Grove SM	Missoula County	186.0	3,287.50	140,000	
5.	October, 1978	Rosebud Battlefield SM	Big Horn County	4883.0	4,070.76	881,160	
6.	January, 1979	Makoshika SP Addition	Dawson County	650.16	1,847.50	143,900	
7.	July, 1979	Giant Springs-Heritage SP Addition	Cascade County	28.6	1,800.00	97,500	
8.	August, 1979	Lake Josephine (leased to city)	Yellowstone County	-0-	4,106.16	125,000	
9.	August, 1981	Spring Meadow Lake SRA	Lewis & Clark County	55.8	714.55	293,000	
10.	April, 1982	Pirngue (Dneden's) Island SRA	Custer County	269.0	3,074.04	110,000	
11.	June, 1983	Lake Elmo, Billings	Yellowstone	80.67	-0-	1,000,000	
12.	June, 1983	Lake Elmo, Billings	Yellowstone	47.17	-0-		100,000/4yr
13.	November, 1983	Blackfoot River Easement	Missoula	267.8	23,815.00	34,375	
14.	December, 1983	Les Mason Memorial, Whitefish Lake	Flathead	7.5	-0-	675,000	
15.	December, 1983	Bannack-Warnake	Beaverhead	1 lot	80.00	7,000	
16.	July, 1984	Bannack-Fisher	Beaverhead	1 lot	77.00	8,500	
17.	October, 1984	Bannack-Brewer	Beaverhead	1 lot	85.00	10,000	
18.	October, 1984	Clark's Lookout, Dillon	Beaverhead	7.23	-0-	40,739	
19.	December, 1984	Glen Lake, Bozeman	Gallatin	6.16	-0-	-0-	
				29.70	7,313.95	420,000	
				47.00	-0-		-0-
20.	Pending	Pageville School, Twin Bridges	Madison	0.66	-0-		15,000/50yr
21.	Pending	Parker Homestead, Three Forks	Jefferson	1.67	-0-		2,500/25yr
Total			6564.32 acres	\$46,935.96	\$4,007,624	\$117,500.00	

Total Cost: \$4,172,059.96

Other Matching Funds: \$550,786.42

Coal Tax Funds: \$3,621,273.54

## Informing the Public

During the summer of 1984 word was sent out that Coal Tax Park proposals were being accepted. A brochure was made available that explained the purpose of the program and included a brief questionnaire by which a potential sponsor could alert the Department of their interest. The questionnaire was printed on a Business Reply card which required no postage stamp (see insert).

These brochures were distributed to anyone who expressed an interest in selling, donating or otherwise conveying potential park land to the Department. In addition, the brochures were distributed at a Department booth at the State Fair in Great Falls.

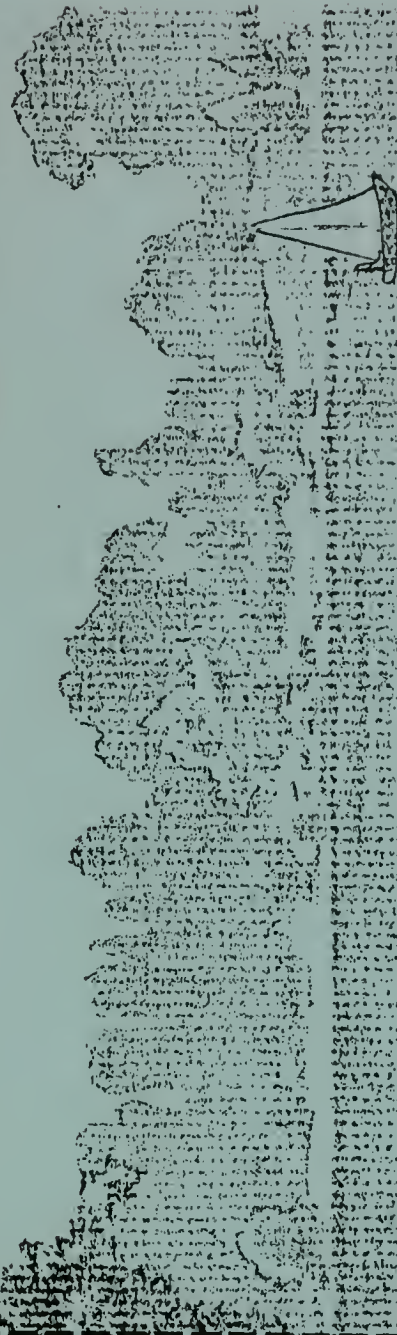
A 30 second public service announcement (psa) was prepared by the Department's Conservation Education Division and distributed to 43 Montana radio stations in July of 1984. This psa encouraged the listener to nominate areas suitable for park lands by contacting the Department headquarters in Helena.

This effort resulted in six nominations by the public as described in the following pages.

# COAL TAX ACQUISITION

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#### THE OPPORTUNITY

In 1975, the 44th State Legislature initiated a state coal severance tax on coal mined in Montana and being shipped out of state. A portion of the total coal severance tax is allocated to a parks revenue trust fund. Interest from this trust fund is to be used to acquire, operate, and maintain park system sites.

Montana Code provides that any person, association, or representative of a governing unit may submit an acquisition proposal using coal tax revenue, for the addition of a site or area to the State Park System. The proposal is to be submitted to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and complete by December 1 of the year preceding the convening of a legislative session. The Department will present all proposals received to the legislature by the 15th day of the session.

#### THE PURPOSE

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is charged by Montana law to conserve the scenic, historic, archaeological, scientific, and recreational resources of the state, and to provide for their use and enjoyment. It is intended that this will contribute to the health and the cultural, recreational, and economic life of the people. Proposals for additions to the State Park System should reinforce this objective.

#### THE PROPOSAL

If you wish to sponsor a proposal, you should complete and return the following Sponsor Identification Questionnaire. You will then be contacted for an appointment to view and discuss your proposal. This questionnaire should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the December 1st deadline to allow time for processing. Favorable aspects of your site proposal will be best documented if an inspection can be scheduled by late fall. Therefore, the earlier the questionnaire is mailed, the better.

While not required, an appraisal of the property is desirable to strengthen the proposal by verifying its value and availability. If an appraisal is opted for, its cost would be the responsibility of the sponsor and should be done by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Project sponsors are encouraged to support their proposals by appearing before the legislative committee involved and by contacting their local legislators. The legislature will select the proposals to be funded.



*Montana Department of  
Fish, Wildlife & Parks*

#### SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name (Mr., Miss, Mrs, Ms)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Phone:  
Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mailing Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Street Address  
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5. In what county is the proposal located?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
6. How big is the proposal (acres)?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
7. What bodies of water are contingent with or contained in the proposal?  
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## The 1985 Citizen Proposals

The following Coal Tax Park Proposals were submitted to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks by December 1, 1985. They are listed in alphabetical order.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Acres/Length</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. Amazon Trail	672 acres (34 miles)	\$168,000
2. The Anaconda Stack	±20 acres	Donation
3. BA&P RR	25 miles	\$350,000 operation only
4. Kleffner Ranch	87 acres	\$931,000
5. Prickly Pear	38 acres	\$152,000
6. White Sandy Beach	88.8 acres	\$420,000
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Totals	805.8 acres	\$2,021,000
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	25 miles	





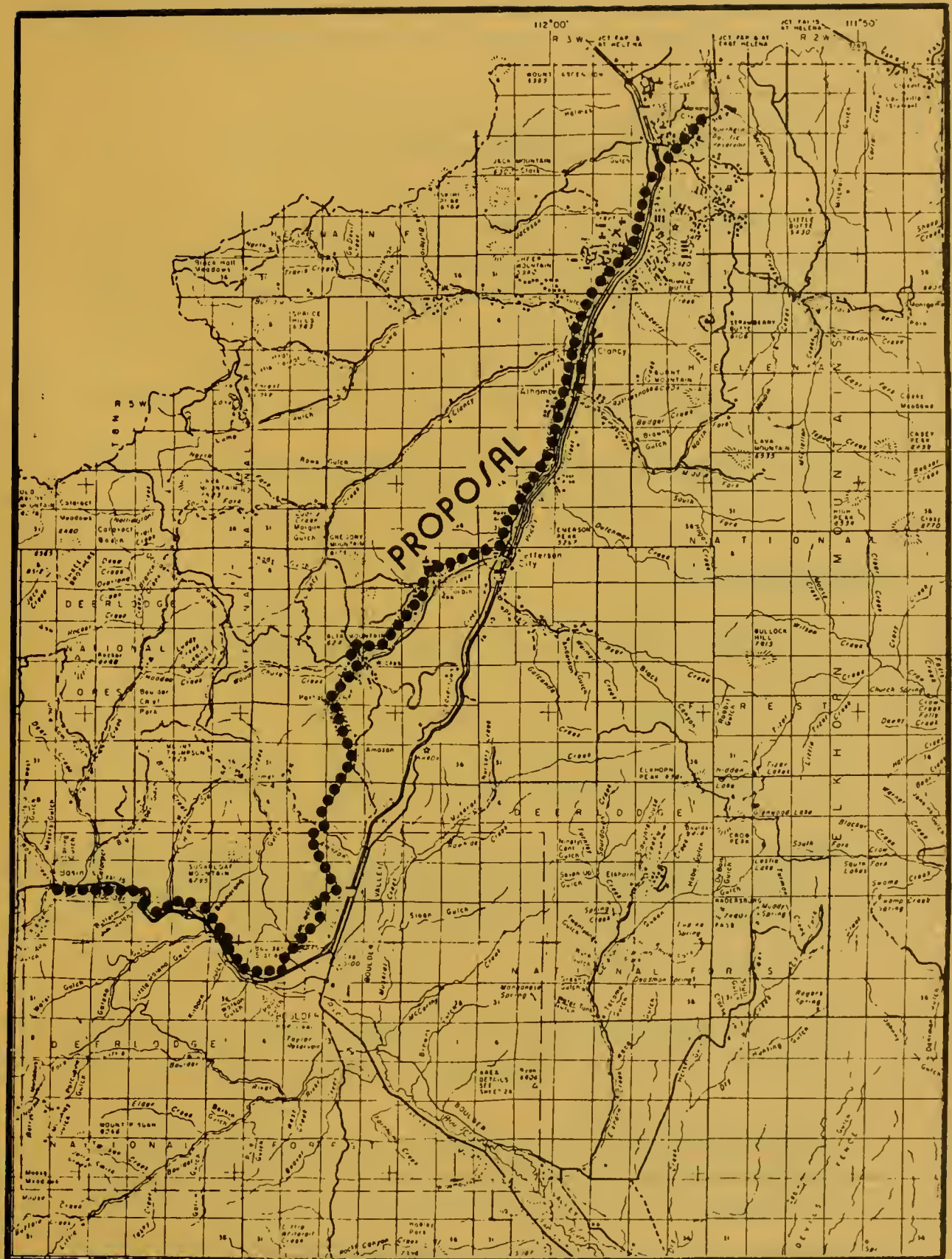
## THE AMAZON TRAIL

Thirty four miles of rail bed between Montana City (near Helena) and Basin have been abandoned and is now being proposed as a recreation trail. Rails and ties have already been removed and the road bed smoothed. Unfortunately bridges have been removed at stream crossings. The route has a number of desirable and unique attributes. It passes through some remote areas over Boulder Pass, yet is readily accessible from I-15 at the Helena and Boulder ends. The route also passes over a 600 foot long steel trestle and through a one mile long tunnel.

The trail would be popular for family or small group day excursions, and would be suitable for overnight camping trips. It also has great potential as a unique jogging or bicycle trail.







# COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interview with the sponsor.

Interview Date October 24, 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa

Paul Pacini

Sponsor's Name Becky Gilmer

Sponsor's Mailing Address

P. O. Box 465

Boulder, Montana 59632

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 225-3810

Evening 225-4217

## Site Description

1. Site Name: Amazon Recreation Trail (abandoned BN R.R.)

2. Site Location:

County Jefferson

Township 6N, 7N, 8N, 9N Range 3W, 4W, 5W Section           

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 672 acres, 34 mile  
length of abandoned RR right-of-way extending from Montana City,  
traveling by old mountain mining communities including Wickes and  
Corbin, within one mile of Boulder and terminating at the Basin depot.

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes            No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

Access is available to the RR right-of-way at various points as--  
it passes through Montana City, Jefferson City, Clancy, Boulder,  
and Basin.



5. Include two maps:

a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and

b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

#### Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

<u>  X  </u>	Picnicking	<u>          </u>	Motor boating
<u>  X  </u>	Camping	<u>          </u>	Water Skiing
<u>  X  </u>	Trail Walking	<u>          </u>	Swimming
<u>  X  </u>	Bicycling	<u>  X  </u>	Fishing
<u>          </u>	Canoeing or Rafting	<u>  X  </u>	Hunting
<u>  X  </u>	Other: specify	<u>Cross-country skiing</u>	
<u>          </u>	Other: specify	<u>  </u>	

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

  X   Spring;   X   Summer;   X   Fall;   X   Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

<u>Boulder</u>	<u>Helena</u>
(city, town)	(city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

less than a mile at selected points I-15  
(miles) (I, State, or U.S. number)

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| <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">None</div> <div style="text-align: center;">(site name)</div> | <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">(site name)</div> |
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- x Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie:  
unique geological or ecological features

- x Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>    X    </u>  | Coniferous Trees |
| <u>          </u> | Deciduous Trees  |
| <u>    X    </u>  | Brushy           |
| <u>    X    </u>  | Grassland        |
| <u>          </u> | Barren           |

- None

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Name of Appraiser and Company:

- number 18 is correct.

**BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD**

SALES AND PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Continental Plaza  
777 Main Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

January 10, 1985

Ms. Rebecca Gilmer  
P. O. Box 465  
Boulder, MT 59623

Dear Ms. Gilmer:

Reference is made to your proposal of creating a recreational trail on discontinued Railroad right-of-way between Montana City and Basin, Montana.

The Burlington Northern right-of-way varies in width from 70 feet to 200 feet wide and through the stations of Clancy and Boulder we would recommend limiting the width for trail purposes to 50 feet in width. The total acreage involved is approximately 672 acres.

Burlington Northern would convey its interest in the property by Quitclaim Deed for a consideration of \$168,000.00. Mineral rights would be reserved by Burlington Northern where owned and all costs for survey, abstracts, documentary stamps, etc., would be the responsibility of the buyer.

The consideration quoted is on the premise that the sale would be to the State or other Governmental agency for use by the public and will require review and final approval by Burlington Northern management at such time as offer is made in that amount.

Sincerely,



N. C. Kretzer  
Manager Sales and Purchase

ddjw0110.1





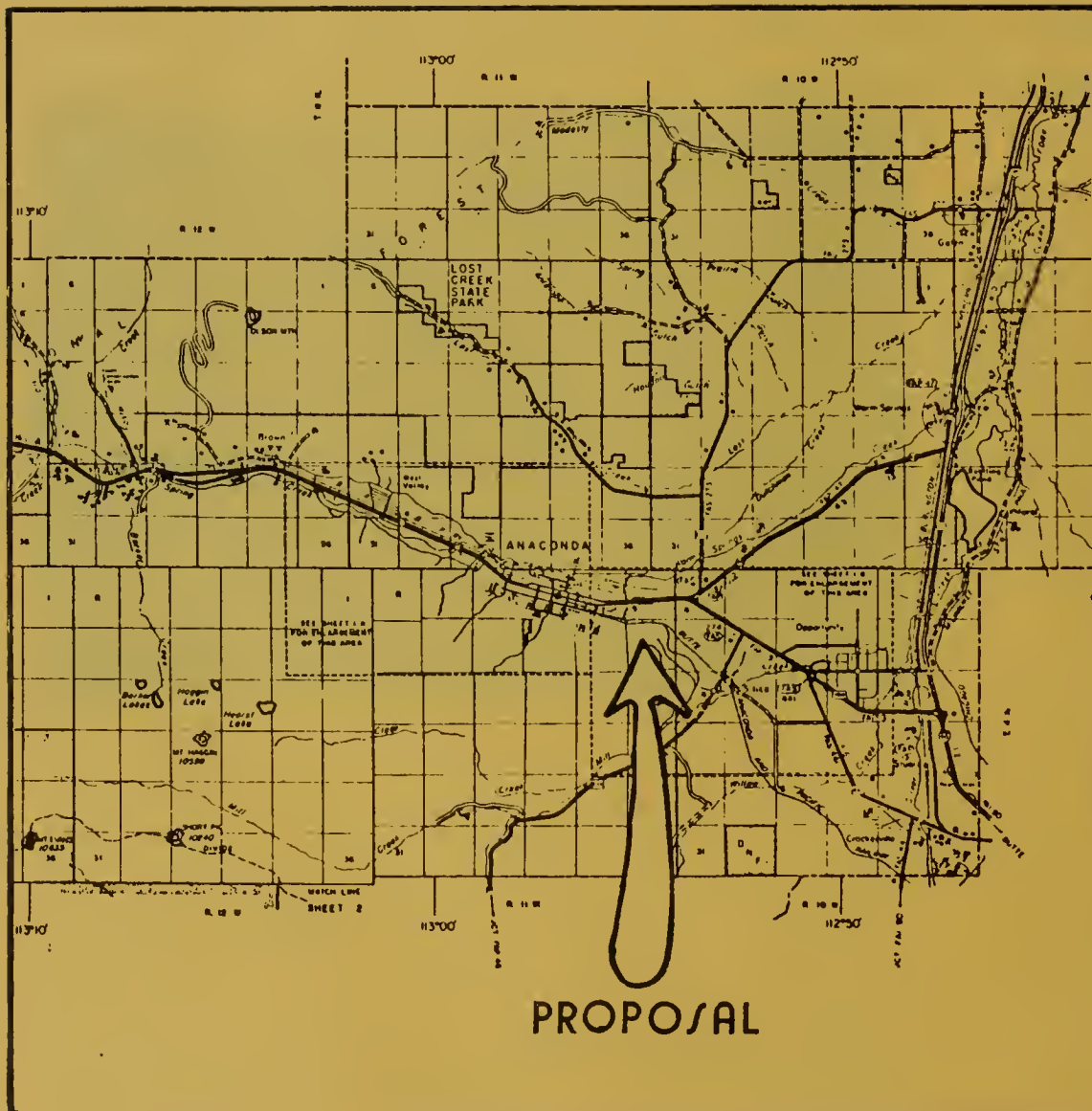


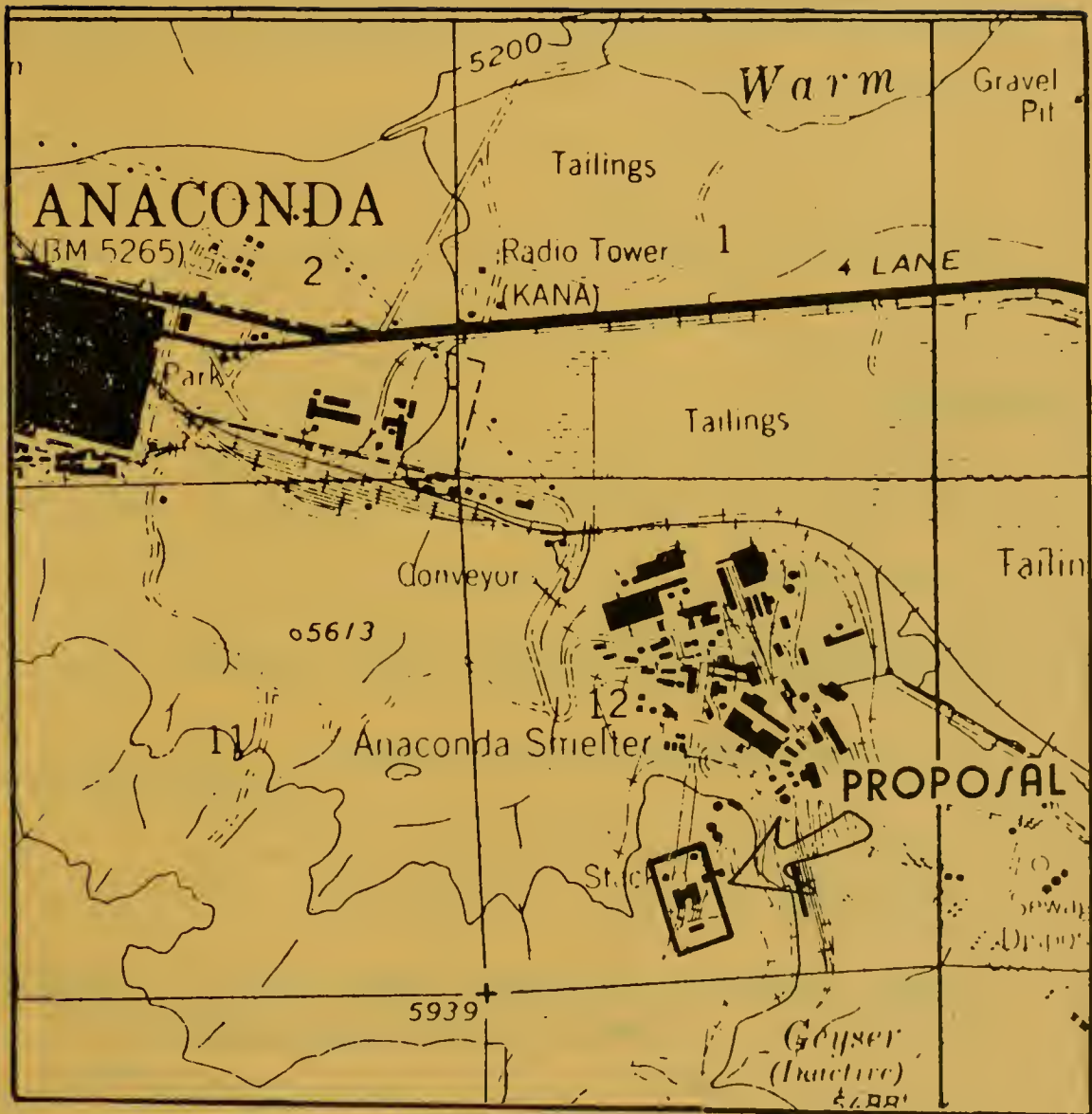
## THE ANACONDA STACK

The Anaconda Stack will soon be the only remaining structure at the old Anaconda Copper Mining Company Smelter in Anaconda. The smelter and twenty acres of surrounding land is being proposed by "The Anacondans To Preserve The Stack" as a State Monument. The Anaconda Minerals Company has agreed to donate this package to the State Park System.

It is hoped that tours could be conducted to the foot of the stack. However EPA tests may indicate that toxin levels are too great to allow public access to this area. In this case, public viewing would be allowed from the Chamber of Commerce visitor's center at the company gate.









## COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interview with the sponsor.

Interview Date Monday, October 22, 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa, Paul Pacini

Sponsor Representatives: Bob Vine, Pere and Margie Smith

Dan Washburn-Anaconda Minerals (563-5211), Tom Radonich-ARCO

Sponsor's Name Anacondan's to Preserve the Stack; Bob Vine, President

Sponsor's Mailing Address

1402 Gable Road

Anaconda, Montana 59711

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 563-3639

Evening same

### Site Description

1. Site Name: The Anaconda Stack

2. Site Location:

County Deer Lodge

Township 4N Range 11W Section 12

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 20±

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

conditional Yes                      No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

The paved road and alternate unpaved routes from the plant gate to the stack are owned by ARCO. An easement would be given if EPA determines the stack area safe for visitors. Otherwise, viewing would take place from the visitor center near the gate. Legal access to the gate exists from the City of Anaconda via east 4th Street to Smelter Road and east to the gate.

- a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and
- b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

## Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

<u>          </u>	Picnicking	<u>          </u>	Motor boating
<u>          </u>	Camping	<u>          </u>	Water Skiing
<u>          </u>	Trail Walking	<u>          </u>	Swimming
<u>          </u>	Bicycling	<u>          </u>	Fishing
<u>          </u>	Canoeing or Rafting	<u>          </u>	Hunting
<u>  X  </u>	Other: specify	<u>The site offers abundant opportunity for historic</u>	
<u>          </u>	Other: specify	<u>interpretation and enough ground will be</u>	
<u>          </u>		<u>available for some picnic sites.</u>	

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

				visitor center only
X Spring;	X Summer;	X Fall;	X Winter	

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

<u>Anaconda</u>	<u>Butte</u>
(city, town)	(city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

3  
(miles)

(I, State, or U.S. number)

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

None  
(site name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(site name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(site name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

x Yes

\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain: This is the site of the largest free standing brick structure on earth, built in 1918 to disperse smoke generated by the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. The copper industry was the economic mainstay for Montana and the United States when "copper was king." The site is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

\_\_\_\_ Yes

x No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

None

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# Anacondans

TO PRESERVE THE STACK

P.O. Box 893, Anaconda, Montana 59711

1402 Cable Road  
Anaconda, Mt., 59711  
January 8, 1985

Mr. Don Hyyppa, Administrator,  
Parks Division  
Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
1420 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, Mt., 59620

Dear Don:

Thanks for meeting with Pete Smith and Mike Finnegan of our committee recently. We appreciate your continued help and support.

This morning, Pete and I met with Frank Gardner, John O'Brien and Dan Washburn of the Anaconda Minerals Co, concerning the question of supplying power to light the stack. They have generously agreed to supply electrical power until the demolition of the main substation, which is scheduled to begin during the first quarter of 1986. Additionally, they will donate the cost of a new power line to the stack, estimated to be about \$8,000. This is in addition to some \$12,000 they have already spent to supply a permanent power line to the stack after the concentrator demolition.

(A copy of the confirmation letter to me, dated this date, has been forwarded to you by the Anaconda Minerals Co.)

The Anacondans to Preserve the Stack committee will, if the legislature approves the Coal Tax Park Proposal, turn over to the State Parks administration all the money we have raised for the purpose of lighting the stack for almost a year after Anaconda is finished with the demolition project.

In short, this means that we can approach the Parks legislative committee with a "no-cost" proposal. Therefore, item 16 of the proposal should be revised to show no immediate costs for consideration by the legislature. The Anaconda Minerals Co. has set no pre-condition relative to repairing the top of the stack, fencing the property, removing the lower 20 feet of the access ladder, or grounding repairs before they deed the stack to the Parks Division.

However, they would like written assurance from the Parks Division that, if the legislature approves the proposal, the State will assume





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Don Hyyppa

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all legal and financial responsibility for the preservation of the stack and remove all future liability from the Company.

They also request a blank copy, or copies, of any legal documents required for the transfer of the property to the State so that they may review them with the legal advisors beforehand. You can either forward the above to me and I'll forward the material to them, or you can send them direct to Frank Gardner, General Manager of Montana Operations of Anaconda Minerals.

I feel that with your continued help and with the already demonstrated cooperation of the Anaconda Minerals Company, that our famous stack will be preserved as a monument to an industry and people who have contributed so much to Montana's culture and economy.

Very truly yours,

Bob Vine,  
President Anacondans to Preserve the Stack

cc: J. Frank Gardner  
John J. O'Brien  
Dan Washburn



January 8, 1985

Mr. Bob Vine  
1402 Cable Road  
Anaconda, Montana 59711

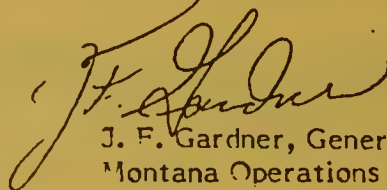
Dear Bob:

In response to your request regarding the lighting of the stack, Anaconda Minerals Company is agreeable to supplying electrical power until the demolition of the main substation, which is scheduled to begin during the first quarter of 1986. Anaconda will also donate the cost of the new power line to the stack. After installation of the new power line, the cost of electrical power will then be the responsibility of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Anaconda's agreement to the above is based on a signed agreement with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks within thirty days after the Montana State Legislature closes its 1985 session. The agreement must provide for Fish, Wildlife and Parks to assume the legal and financial responsibility for the preservation of the stack and remove all future liability from the Company.

As stated in our letter of May 1, 1984, if we do not have the required agreement with the Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the stack demolition will be rescheduled for this summer.

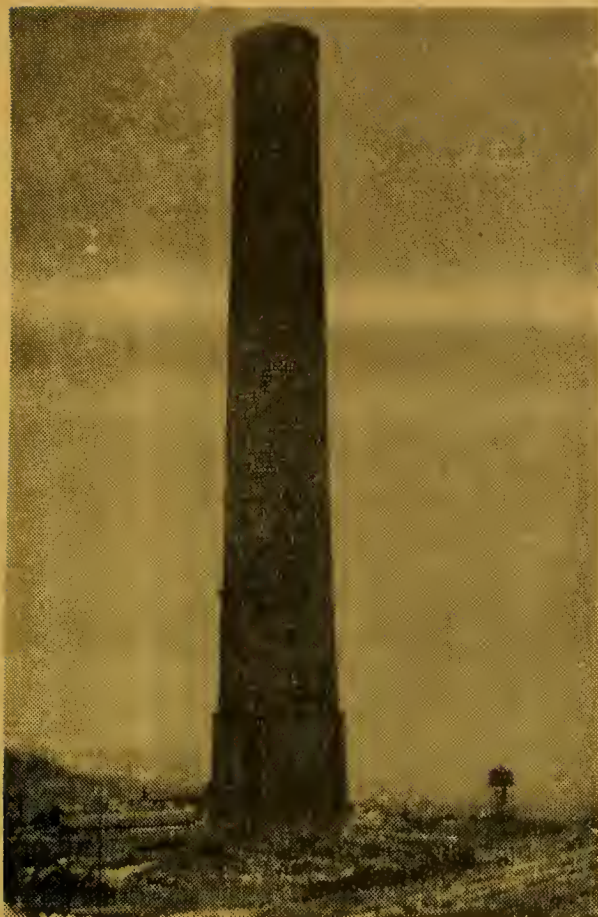
Very truly yours,



J. F. Gardner, General Manager  
Montana Operations

JFG/js

cc: Don Hyypa







## BUTTE-ANACONDA AND PACIFIC RR

The BA&P RR intends to abandon its 25 mile line between Butte and Anaconda in the near future. This was an ore carrying line, connecting the Butte mines to the Anaconda smelter. The track is in "main line" condition at this time.

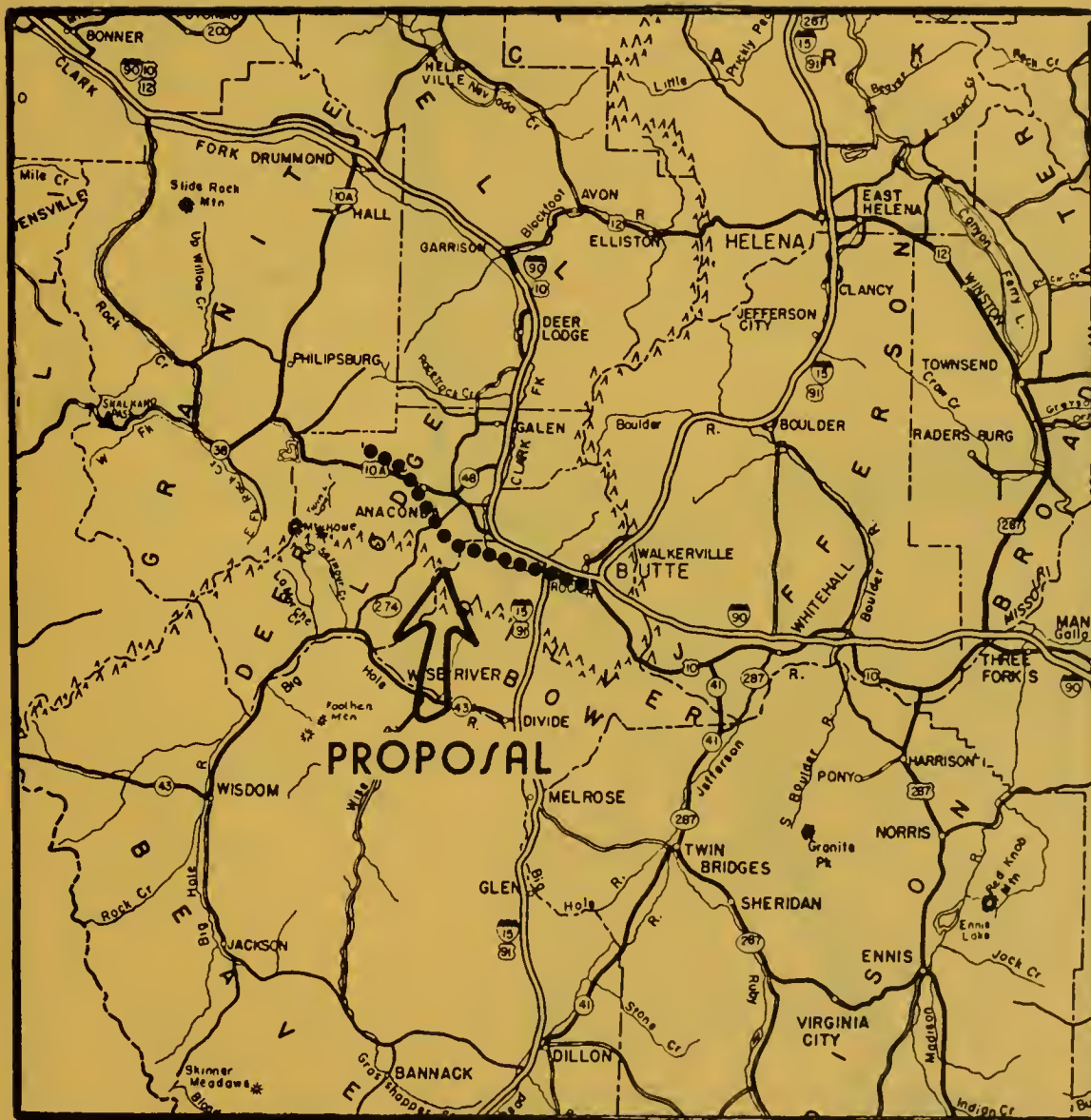
A private interest is attempting to acquire the Railroad to continue rail service between Butte and Anaconda. The project sponsor, Jim Carton, has reached a verbal agreement with the potential buyer to lease track use to the state for the operation of a historic tour train. The rail service would connect historic sites in Anaconda and Butte, and could provide rail service to Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, mid way between the two cities. Vast opportunity would be available to interpret Montana history and promote tourism to other Montana attractions during the train ride.

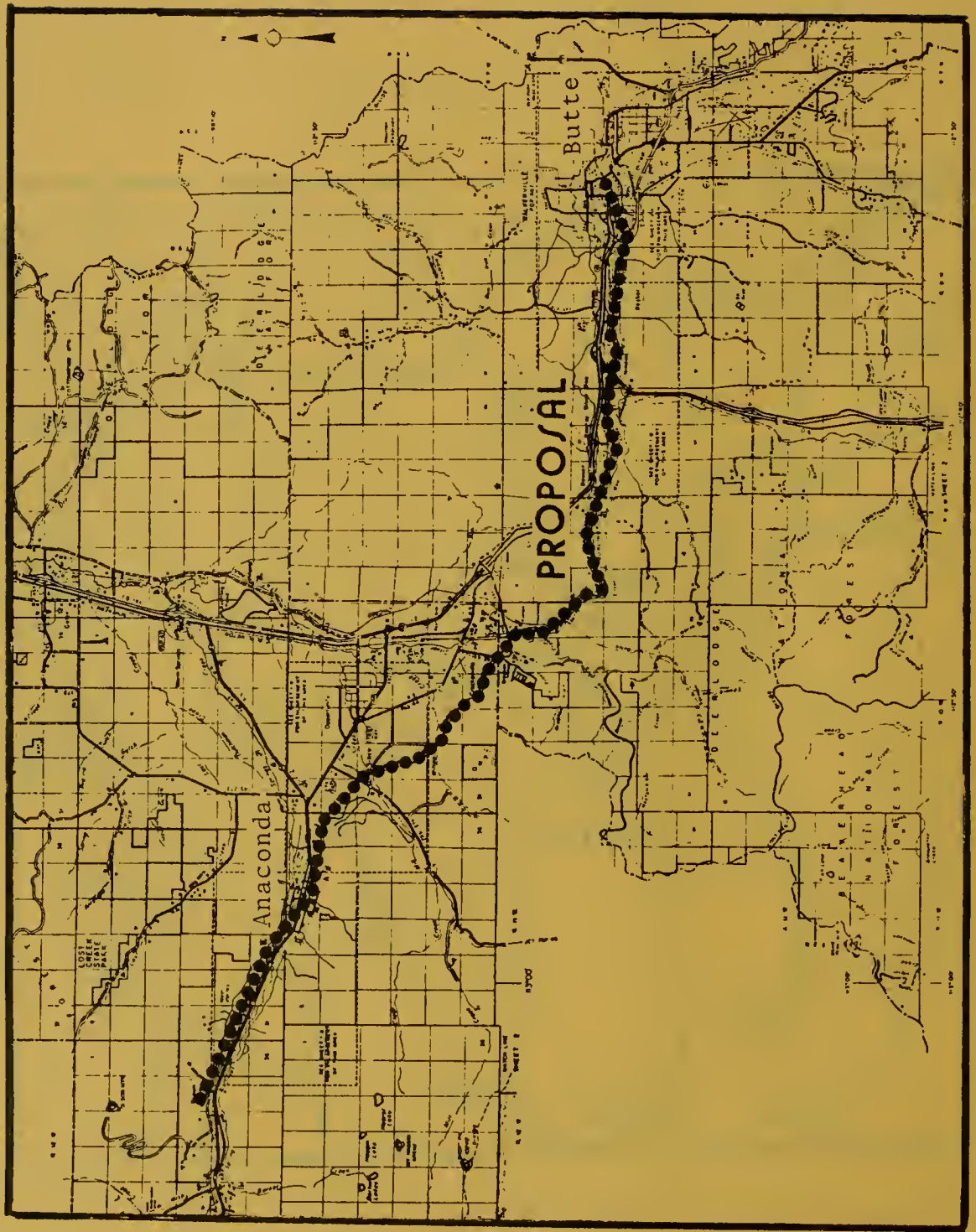
The proposal calls for no acquisition of real estate by the State of Montana. The following state expenditures however, are anticipated to reach \$350,000 for start up and operation during the summer of 1986.

1. Procurement of a steam locomotive and rolling stock.
2. Insurance for passenger operations.
3. Salaries for management and operating personnel.
4. Lease of track use.



5. Maintenance of future buildings and depots.
6. Conversion to oil from steam, if desired.
7. Restoration and repair of rolling stock.
8. Fuel costs.
9. Advertizing and Promotion.





## COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interview with the sponsor.

Interview Date 1 November 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa , Paul Pacini

Sponsor Representatives: Jim Carton

John Devitt, Chris Fife

Sponsor's Name See list

Sponsor's Mailing Address

see sponsor list

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day see sponsor list

Evening

### Site Description

1. Site Name: Butte, Anaconda and Pacific Rwy

2. Site Location:

County Silver bow and Deerlodge

Township  Range  Section

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 2 acres

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes

No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

Legal Access is available at the Anaconda railway yards  
the Anaconda Chamber of Commerce , Fairmont /Gregson  
The Butte Museum of Mines, the Northern PACIFIC  
depot in Butte, and at various points along its  
route.

List of Sponsors:

1. Montana Union Railroad Co.  
105 Fleecer Dr.  
Butte ,Mt. 59701 494-7406
2. Butte Historical Society  
P.O.Box 3913  
Butte, Mt. 59702 782-2386
3. Renewable Technologies Inc.  
P.O. Box 4113  
Butte, Mt. 59702 782-2386
4. Butte Silverbow chamber of Commerce.  
2950 HARRISON Ave.  
Butte, Mt. 494-5595
5. DAPWA Enterprises (owners of the Northern Pacific Depot complex  
P.O.Box 3957  
Butte, Mt. 59702 782-9533.
6. Fairmont Hotsprings Resort  
Anaconda,Mt. 797-3241 att: JaN Phillips
7. Anacondans to Preserve the stack Committee  
P.O. Box 893  
Anaconda, Mt. 59711 563-7774
8. Jim Carton  
1421 Wicks Lane,  
Billings, Mt. 59105 245-8536
9. Butte Local Development Corp.  
2950 Harrison Ave,  
Butte, Mt. 494-3936

For detailed information contact Jim Carton,  
Sponsor No. 8, above.



5. Include two maps:

- a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and
- b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

<u>  X  </u>	Picnicking	<u>          </u>	Motor boating
<u>  X  </u>	Camping	<u>          </u>	Water Skiing
<u>  X  </u>	Trail Walking	<u>          </u>	Swimming
<u>  X  </u>	Bicycling	<u>          </u>	Fishing
<u>          </u>	Canoeing or Rafting	<u>  X  </u>	Hunting
<u>  X  </u>	Other: specify	<u>A tourist RR could provide a unique mode of transportation to resort areas such as</u>	
<u>          </u>	Other: specify	<u>Fairmont Hot Springs and the Butte School of Mines, and historic areas such as the</u>	
		<u>Anaconda Smelter and round house.</u>	

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

  X   Spring;   X   Summer;   X   Fall;   X   Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

Anaconda  
(city, town)

Butte  
(city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

Less than one mile at many

points along its route  
(miles)

I-90 and US10A  
(I, State, or U.S. number)

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

None

(site name)

(site name)

(site name)

(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

x Yes

No

If yes, please explain: History is retold by the old mines in Butte and the Anaconda smelting operation in Anaconda, the termini of the main line railroad. Innovations in railroading such as electrification were often originated on this line. An educational tour train would have a wealth of historic interpretation to choose from en route. Such a train would also transport tourists to existing historic attractions such as the Butte mines, the Anaconda stack and round house and resort areas such as Fairmont Hot Springs.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

x Yes

No

If yes, please explain: An educational tour train along this route would provide an ideal field classroom for the study of the geology and biology of this historic valley; the science of math and engineering involved in building and operating a railroad; as well as the effect on the ecology of mass mineral extraction. The high point of any field trip would be the opportunity to journey back in time to the old mining days in Montana.

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Silver Bow Creek

15. Indicate the predominant type of vegetative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Coniferous Trees

\_\_\_\_\_ Deciduous Trees

\_\_\_\_\_ Brushy

\_\_\_\_\_ x Grassland

\_\_\_\_\_ x Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

~~A tour train along this route would provide an exciting and unique form of entertainment to both Montana's residents AND VISITORS. As people are drawn to this area the economy is bound to realize a significant boost. It is likely that new tourist related businesses would find an opportunity to serve the would be concentration of tourists~~  
Site Cost and vacationers.

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Appraised value of this site: \$ see schedule

Date of Appraisal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Appraiser and Company: \_\_\_\_\_

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, resident of  
(owner's name)

\_\_\_\_\_, owner of  
(city, state)

the property described by this proposal, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(today's date)

verify by my signature that the information in item

number 18 is correct.

Basic proposal: We propose that the State of Montana join in a cooperative effort with the BA&P Ry, and the cities of Butte and Anaconda in developing a major tourist attraction: A passenger service-tourist train between the historic districts of the two cities. We further propose that a one year trial run in 1986 summer season- be funded with options to extend /expand the program if ridership meets or exceeds goals. The train concept could be fully in place for the 1989 centennial activities.

FINANCING NEEDED:

1. Funds for procurement of rolling stock
2. Insurance - thru the State of Montana for passenger operations
3. Salaries of park and operating personnel.
4. Track maintenance/buildings and depots.
5. Conversion of equipment to oil if desired/restoration and repair of acquired rolling stock.
6. Fuel.
7. Advertising and promotion.

Estimated cost for initial startup \$350,000.00.

Note: Fares collected, donated materials and labor, donated sites for depots, restoration costs and buildings will reduce or alter costs. Operations would be under the supervision of BA&P personnel.





Rocker Yards, the branch to Butte Hill runs out of here.



The section house near Fairmont Resort.



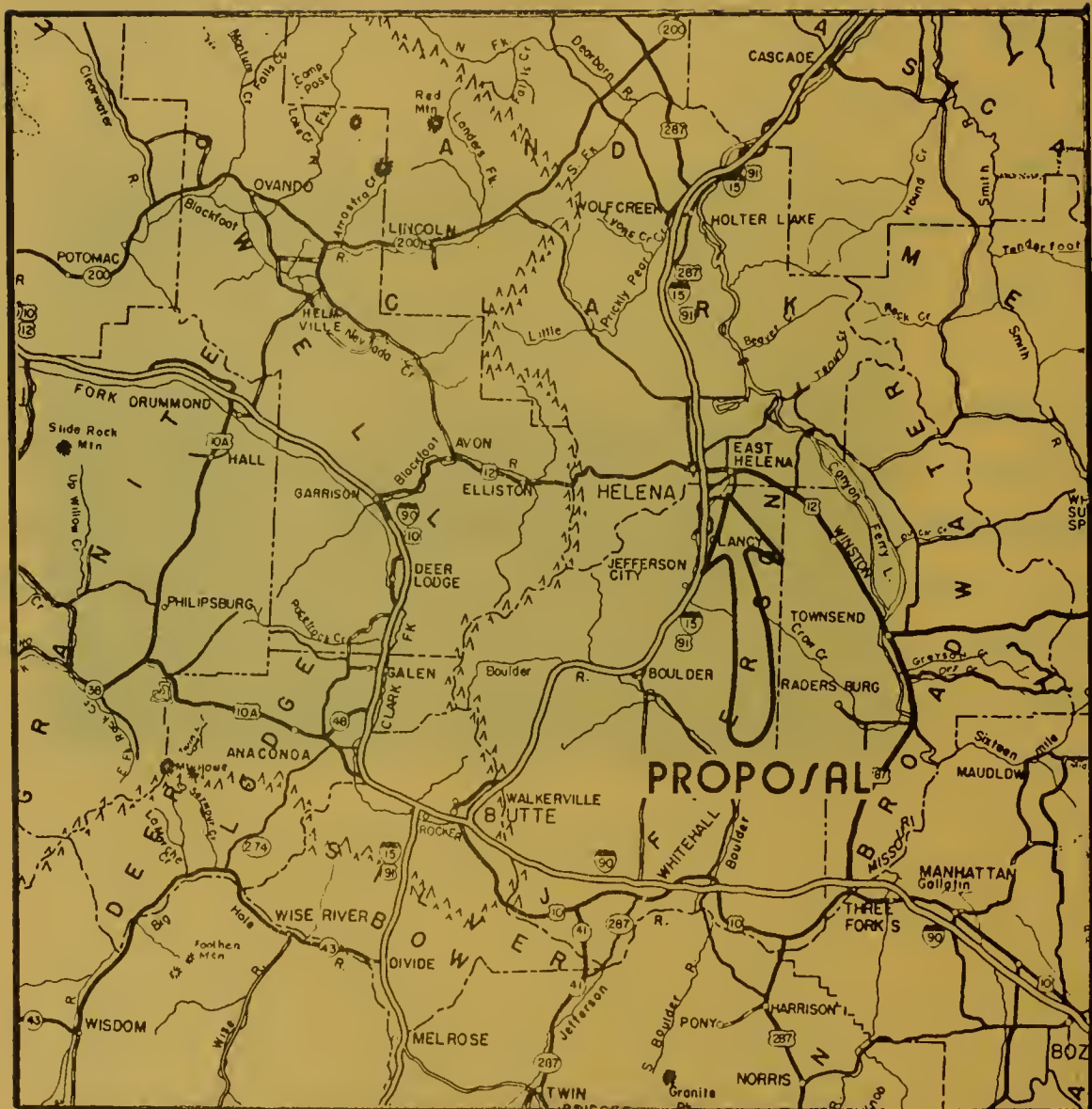


A turn of the century round house in Anaconda.

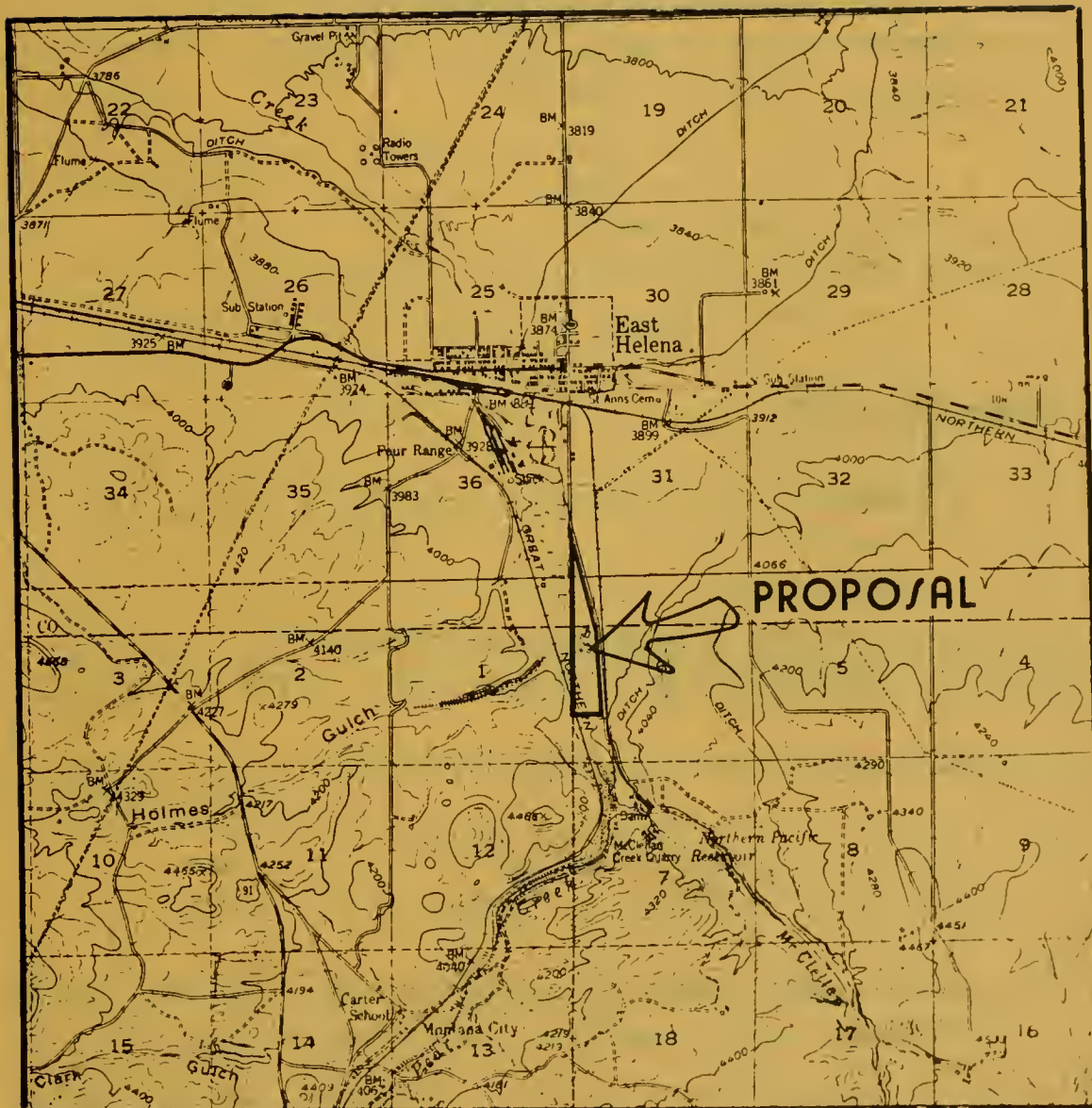
## PAUL KLEFFNER RANCH

The Paul Kleffner ranch consists of approximately 731 acres. County Road 518 from E. Helena to Montana City separates the ranch buildings and 87 acres from the remainder of the ranch. These 87 acres are proposed for state acquisition to be designated a state monument. The acquisition would preserve a three story barn, called the biggest in the west, and an octagonal stone ranch house with a second story dance floor. Both structures were build in the 1880's and mark a historic time of Montana's history.

Upon acquisition, the ranch would be used as a historic agricultural museum. Antique farm and ranch equipment would be displayed along with a depiction of the era's life style through the ranch house and barn. An annual agricultural festival is anticipated to demonstrate the era through reinactments and demonstrations using the antique equipment, or replicas of it.







COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interview with the sponsor.

Interview Date October 26, 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa, Paul Pacini

Sponsor Representatives: Paul Kleffner,

Thelma Kleffner, Dave Fuller

Sponsor's Name Dave Fuller

Sponsor's Mailing Address

1030 Sierra Road West

Helena, Montana 59601

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 442-7479

Evening 458-9194

Site Description

1. Site Name: Paul Kleffner Ranch

2. Site Location:

County Jefferson, and Lewis and Clark

Township 9N Range 2W Section 6

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 87

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes        No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

One and one half miles south of U.S. Highway 12 at East Helena on the  
Montana City Road. County Highway 518



5. Include two maps:

a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and

b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

<u>  X  </u>	Picnicking	<u>          </u>	Motor boating
<u>          </u>	Camping	<u>          </u>	Water Skiing
<u>  X  </u>	Trail Walking	<u>          </u>	Swimming
<u>  X  </u>	Bicycling	<u>  X  </u>	Fishing
<u>          </u>	Canoeing or Rafting	<u>          </u>	Hunting
<u>  X  </u>	Other: specify	There exists an abundant opportunity for the interpretation and demonstration of	
<u>          </u>	Other: specify	historic agricultural practices and life style.	

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

  X   Spring;   X   Summer;   X   Fall;   X   Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

<u>  Helena  </u>	<u>  East Helena  </u>
(city, town)	(city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

<u>  1 1/2  </u>	<u>  U.S. 12  </u>
(miles)	(I, State, or U.S. number)

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

<u>None</u>	
(site name)	(site name)
(site name)	(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

X Yes        No

If yes, please explain: It is the site of a three story barn, called the biggest in the west, and an octagonal stone ranch house originally built with an upstairs dance floor, both of which date back to the late 1880's. If this site were acquired, it is anticipated that its operation would be in cooperation with the Montana Historical Society with financial assistance from private sources. An annual agricultural festival would highlight its management.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

       Yes X No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Prickley Pear Creek  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Indicate the predominant type of vegetative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Coniferous Trees  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deciduous Trees  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brushy  
  x   Grassland  
\_\_\_\_\_ Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

The primary intent behind the purchase of this property is for use as an agricultural museum and interpretive facility. However, the surrounding acreage and the adjacent stream provide opportunities for other outdoor recreation as indicated in #7 above.

Site Cost

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Appraised value of this site: \$ 931,000

Date of Appraisal: September 19, 1984

Name of Appraisor and Company: C. Robert White, M.A.I.,  
White-Stevens, LTD.

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 931,000 with a two year option to buy an adjacent 642 acres of agricultural land.

I, X. Thomas White, Sr. resident of  
(owner's name)  
St. Helena, Nevada, owner of  
(city, state)

the property described by this proposal, on 2025-11-1984  
(today's date)

verify by my signature that the information in item number 18 is correct.



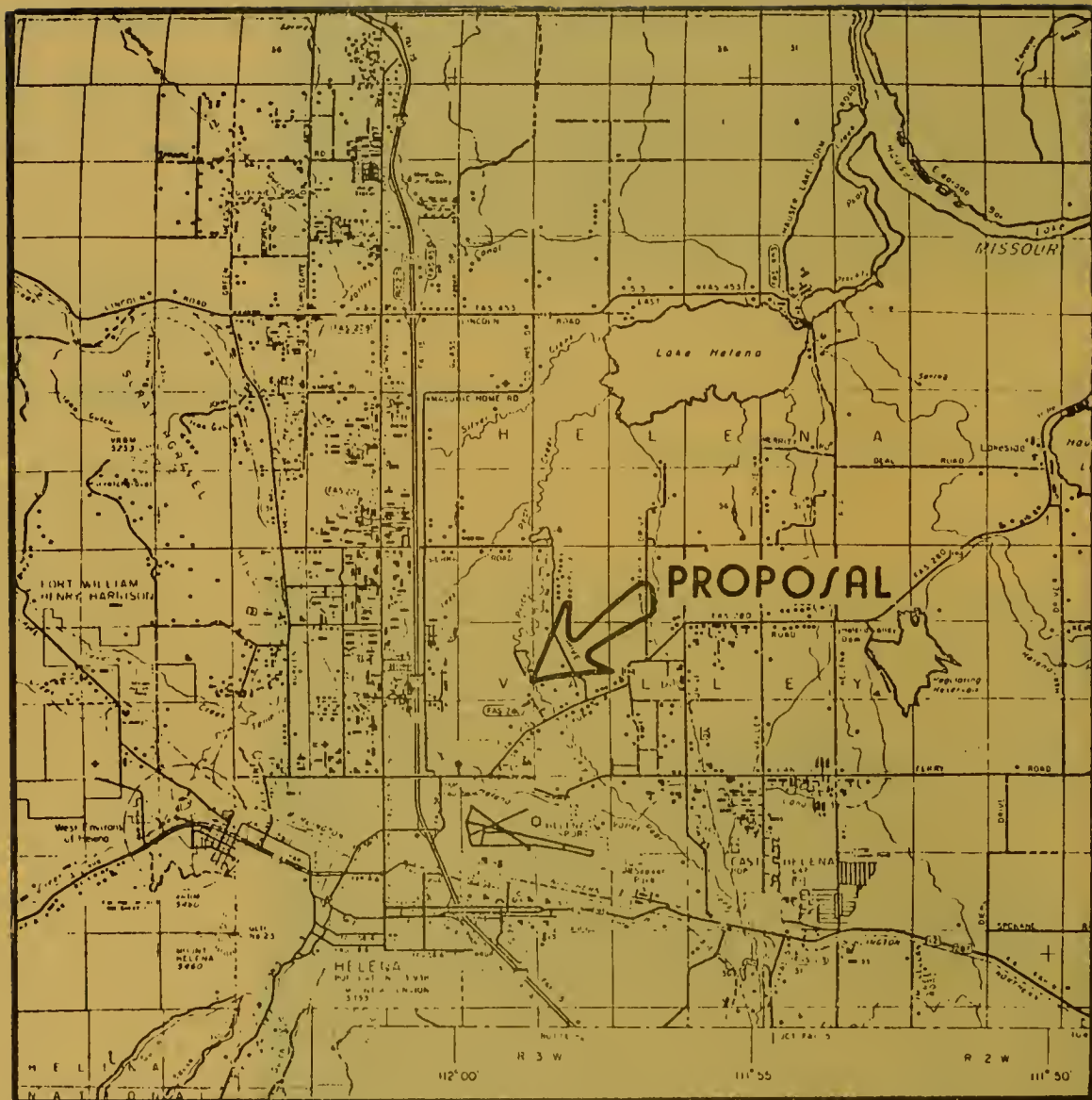


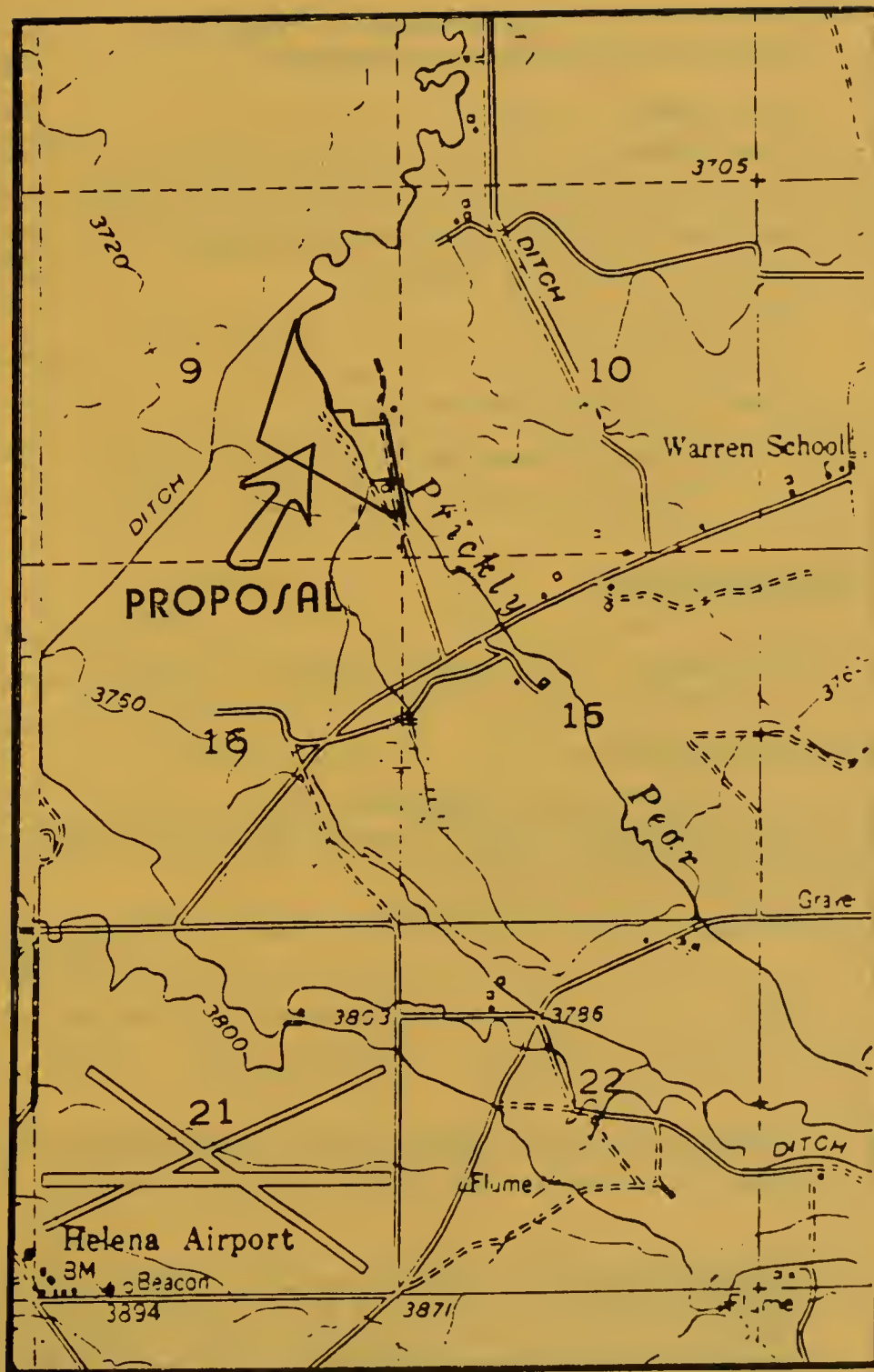
## PRICKLY PEAR CREEK

The Ralph and Sharon Olson Ranch lies in the Helena valley, just two miles from Helena. A choice piece of Prickly Pear Creek flows through the property providing excellent bird and wildlife cover as well as a scenic wetland suitable for nature walks and school field trips. Flat pasture ground borders the wetland on which parking and more traditional park land development could be accommodated. Ranch buildings are not to be included in the proposal.

The Prickly Pear corridor has been considered in the past for preservation as a green belt. This acquisition could mark the beginning of this realization.







COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interview with the sponsor.

Interview Date November 5, 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Pacini \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name Ralph and Sharon Olson

Sponsor's Mailing Address

2220 York Road

Helena, Montana 59601

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 444-6440/443-2220

Evening 443-2220

Site Description

1. Site Name: Prickly Pear Creek

2. Site Location:

County Lewis and Clark

Township 10 Range 3 Section 9

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 38

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes        No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

Starting at the north edge of the City of Helena, at the I-15 - York Road overpass, travel east 2 miles to Prickly Pear Creek and left down County Road 1/2 mile to the Ralph Olson home, 2220 York Road and junction with Prickly Pear Creek. An abandoned section of County Road proceeds within the east boundary of the proposal. The Olson Ranch would provide a no-cost easement from the end of the County Road to a ranch road (less than 100 feet) proceeding through the through the center of the proposal.

- a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and
  - b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.
6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

## Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

<u>  x  </u>	Picnicking	<u>          </u>	Motor boating
<u>          </u>	Camping	<u>          </u>	Water Skiing
<u>  x  </u>	Trail Walking	<u>      x      </u>	Swimming
<u>  x  </u>	Bicycling	<u>      x      </u>	Fishing
<u>  x  </u>	Canoeing or Rafting	<u>      x      </u>	Hunting (Waterfowl)
<u>  x  </u>	Other: specify	<u>A variety of bird species would lend</u>	
<u>  x  </u>	Other: specify	<u>itself well to bird watching.</u>	
		<u>Artists Bob Morgan and Dr. Clem Shafer</u>	
		<u>have used the site as the subject matter</u>	
		<u>for some of their paintings.</u>	

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

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x Spring;      x Summer;      x Fall;      x Winter
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9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

Helena \_\_\_\_\_  
(city, town) (city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

<u>2 miles</u>	<u>I-15</u>
(miles)	(I, State, or U.S. number)

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

Causeway FAS  
(site name)

Helena Valley Reservoir FAS  
(site name)

White Sandy Beach FAS  
(site name)

Black Sandy Beach FAS  
(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

  x   Yes

       No

If yes, please explain: Indian relics such as arrow heads and rock hammers have been found by the property owners.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

  x   Yes

       No

If yes, please explain: The natural ecology of the riparian area is ideal for school field trips. Carroll College ornithology classes have used the area for field trips and local Audubon Society members use the site regularly.

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Prickly Pear Creek, Spring Creek



15. Indicate the predominant type of vegetative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Coniferous Trees  
\_\_\_\_\_ x Deciduous Trees  
\_\_\_\_\_ x Brushy  
\_\_\_\_\_ x Grassland  
\_\_\_\_\_ Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

Various wildlife species such as raccoon, beaver, and deer inhabit the area. Some game animals (mountain lion, moose, bear) have been sighted moving through the proposed site.

Site Cost

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

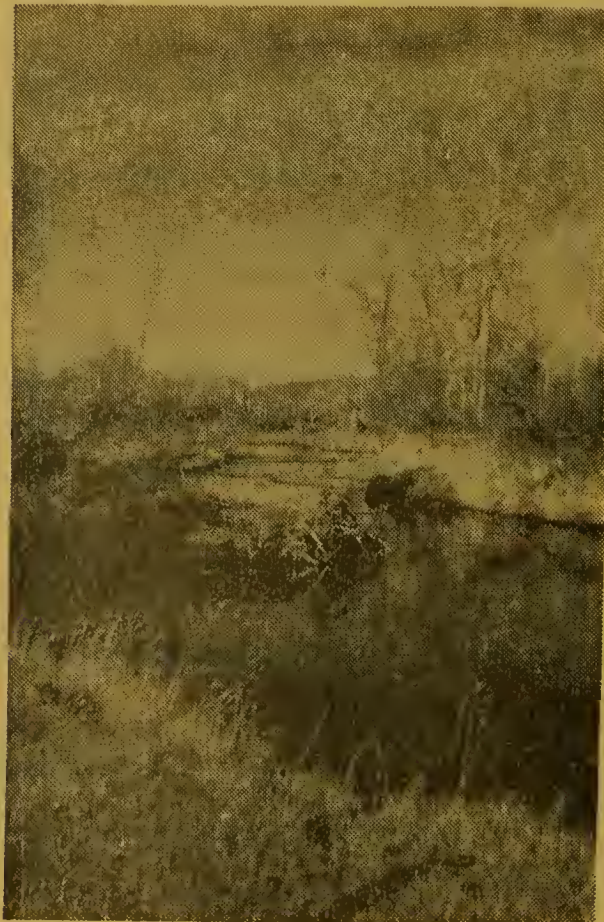
Appraised value of this site: \$ NA

Date of Appraisal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Appraiser and Company: \_\_\_\_\_

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 152,000

I, Philip C. Olson, Shawnee, KS, resident of  
(owner's name)  
Nebraska, Missouri, owner of  
(city, state)  
the property described by this proposal, on 10/1/81  
(today's date)  
verify by my signature that the information in item  
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## WHITE SANDY BEACH

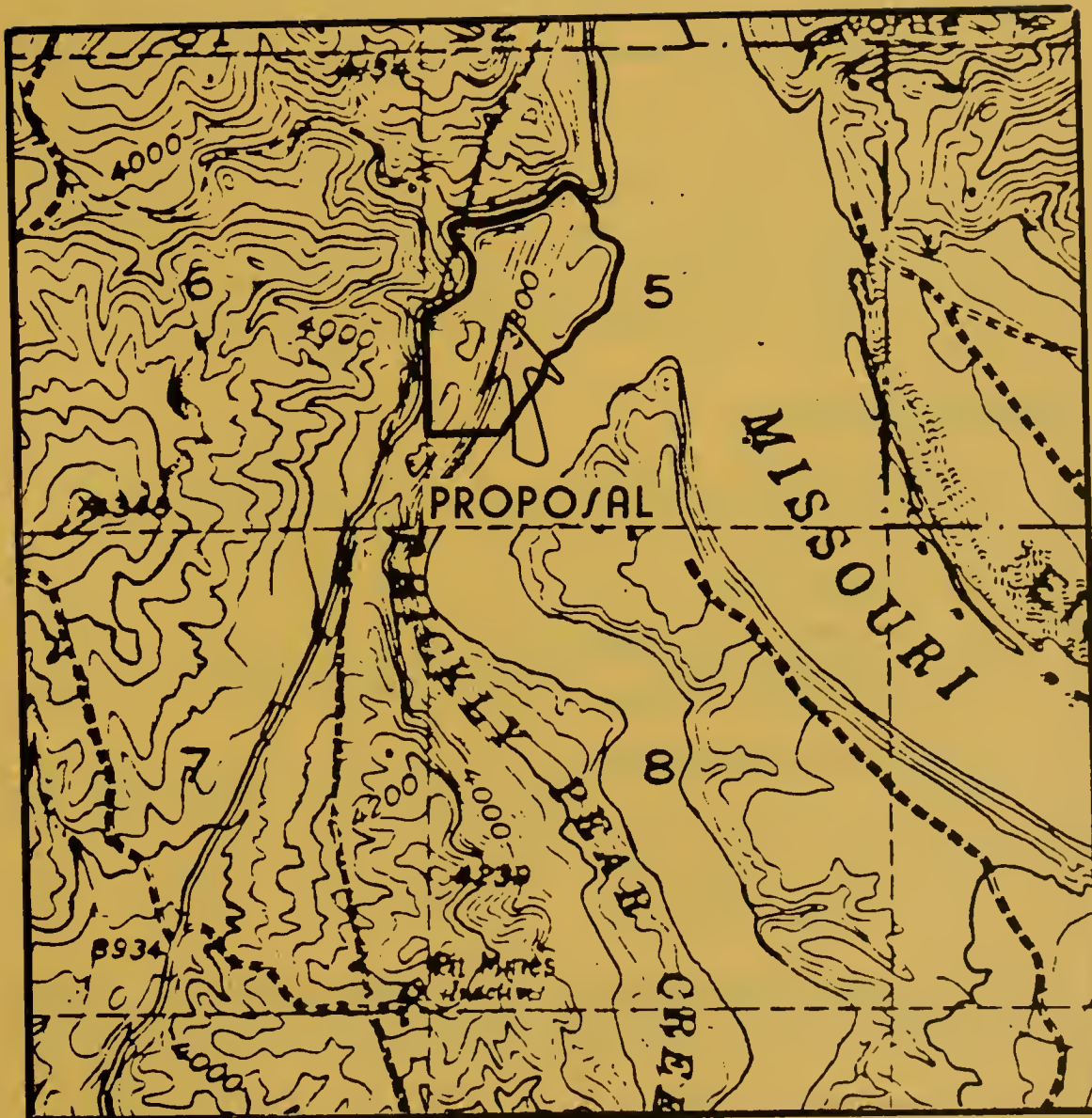
White Sandy Beach is located on Hauser Reservoir, an impoundment of the Missouri River, just thirteen miles north of Helena. It offers one of the only white sand beaches in Montana and is already receiving significant use by recreationists as a leased State Recreation Area. It provides two boat launch areas and plenty of flat play area in addition to the unique beaches.

White Sandy Beach is adjacent to Black Sandy State Recreation Area, and if acquired would be managed as an extension of this area. This is consistent with present management policy.









# COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interview with the sponsor.

Interview Date NA

Department Interview Personnel:

NA  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name Randy Poulsen

Sponsor's Mailing Address

P. O. Box 4447

Helena, Montana 59604

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 443-5100

Evening 458-9429

## Site Description

1. Site Name: White Sandy Beach

2. Site Location:

County Lewis and Clark

Township 11N Range 2W Section 5 and 6

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 88.8

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes        No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

Five miles north of Helena on I-15, then east on Lincoln Road 5 miles,  
and then north on Hauser Dam Road 3 miles.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and
- b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

## Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

<u>  X  </u>	Picnicking	<u>  X  </u>	Motor boating
<u>  X  </u>	Camping	<u>  X  </u>	Water Skiing
<u>      </u>	Trail Walking	<u>  X  </u>	Swimming
<u>      </u>	Bicycling	<u>  X  </u>	Fishing
<u>  X  </u>	Canoeing or Rafting	<u>      </u>	Hunting
<u>      </u>	Other: specify _____		
	Other: specify _____		

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

     x Spring;         x Summer;         x Fall;         x Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

<u>Helena</u>	<u>                    </u>
(city, town)	(city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

<u>8 miles</u>	<u>I-15</u>
(miles)	(I, State, or U.S. number)

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

Black Sandy SRA  
(site name)

Causeway FAS  
(site name)

Helena Valley Reservoir FAS  
(site name)

(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

       Yes

  x   No

If yes, please explain:

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

  x   Yes

       No

If yes, please explain: Beaches are covered with an abundant  
layer of white sand, unique in Montana

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Hauser Reservoir, an impoundment of the Missouri River.



15. Indicate the predominant type of vegetative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Coniferous Trees  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deciduous Trees  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brushy  
  X   Grassland  
\_\_\_\_\_ Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

In May 1982, a 5 year lease was obtained by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks at no cost. Since that time, this site has been operated as a State Recreation Area. The 1983 Legislature considered, but did not fund this proposal. The lease made the area available for public use while affording future Legislatures the opportunity to purchase the site.

Site Cost

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Appraised value of this site: \$ 420,000

Date of Appraisal: January 5, 1983

Name of Appraisor and Company: James McKay

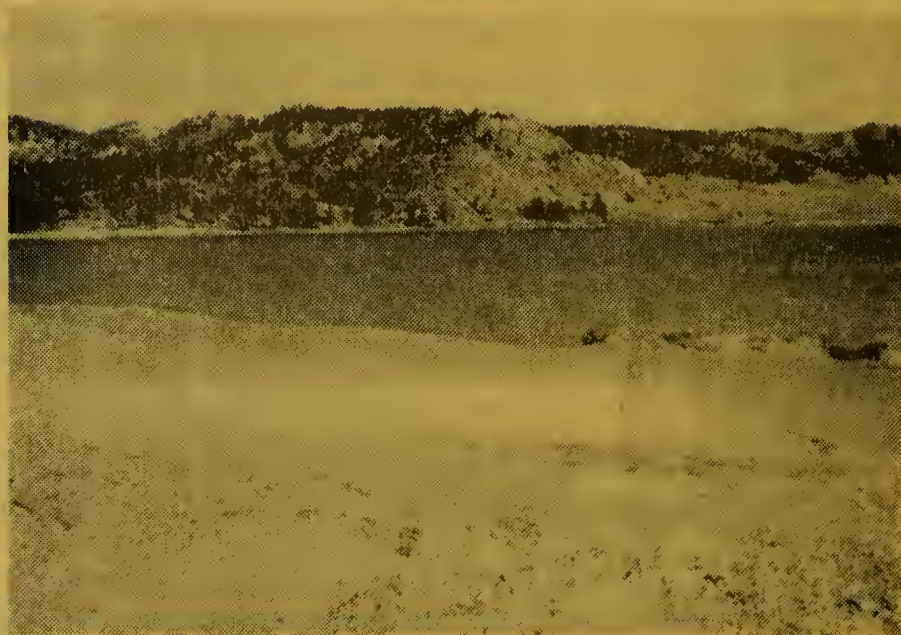
18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 420,000

I, Harold L. Condon, resident of  
(owner's name)

Great Falls, Mont., owner of  
(city, state)

the property described by this proposal, on 11/2/84  
(today's date)

verify by my signature that the information in item  
number 18 is correct.



## DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS PROPOSALS

The 1981 Legislature's Long Range Building Committee passed a resolution authorizing the Department to submit proposals along with those received from the public, for Coal Tax Trust Fund acquisitions. The instructions from the resolution state...

As a "governing unit" the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks shall submit a proposal or proposals for the acquisition of a site or area described in 23-1-102 from the income of the trust fund created by 15-35-103 (2) (h) (ii). The proposal(s) shall be included in the list of areas that are proposed for purchase as additions to Montana State Parks system which the Fish and Game Commission presents to the Legislature by the 15th day of the legislative session.

During the 1983 Legislature, two specific sites and authority to acquire miscellaneous inholdings within the Park System were approved at the Department's request.

The Coal Tax Park Acquisition Program was created a decade ago. In that time nineteen acquisitions have been made, adding more than 6500 acres to the State Park System. Unfortunately, the potential of many of these sites remain unrealized because of budgetary emphasis on acquisition rather than development. At the same time our ability to properly care for other elements of the State Parks System is diminishing relative to needs. This is especially true at sites which must rely on the General Fund.

Therefore, after examining the alternatives the Department will recommend a temporary change of emphasis for the Coal Tax Parks program...

First it is recommended that no new sites be acquired this biennium and the Department, therefore, is submitting no proposals. This decision was made with mixed feelings. There are numerous opportunities to acquire outstanding additions to the park system and some may be lost if not purchased now. On the other hand we feel it is more important to properly manage the present system.

This visionary acquisition program should not be abandoned but rather tabled for this session. Later a balanced program of acquisitions, development and maintenance can be achieved.

Second we recommend allowing the parks coal tax to be used to operate any element of the parks system, not just the sites acquired with coal tax as the present law provides.

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